the minor establishment, the minor distribution of water in the channel and generally with what may be called the regimen of the channel. In the discharge of the latter class of his duties, he must be regarded as subordinate and amenable to the Revenue authorities. As to the other proposals, there is no objection to Patels or local raiyats taking up by sections the contract for the removal of silt in channel beds every year. The Public Works Department will give them the contracts in convenient sections, if tenders are submitted either directly or through the Deputy Commissioner or Amildār. The sections will be, not with reference to village boundaries, but by mile and furlong sections of the channel itself.

Subject No. 227.

Relief to Seringapatam Municipality of Town Police Charges.

Summary of discussion.—The Municipality of the Town of Seringapatm and Ganjam is poor, its revenue being only about Rs. 9,000. The town is an ancient one, and of historical importance. Princes, noblemen and gentlemen from all parts of the world visit the place. The present revenue is hardly sufficient for the maintenance of the extensive permanent establishment necessary for the conservancy, &c., of the Town. The cost of the Police takes up nearly a third of the revenue. The remainder is not sufficient for roads, drains, &c. The Government should therefore bear the full cost of the Town Police.

Dewan's reply.—The point will be considered. *Vide* reply given on a similar representation from the Kadur District (Subject No. 3 *supra*).

Subject No. 228.

Reduction of Municipal Tax on Single bullock carts in Seringapatam.

Summary of discussion.—In the Mysore Municipality, a tax of 1 Rupee is levied on a single bullock cart, but in Seringapatam it is fixed at Rs. 2. It is therefore requested that the rate prevailing in the Mysore Municipality may be adopted in Seringapatam also.

Dewan's reply.—This may be done.

Subject No. 229.

Refund of Octroi on goods which pay octroi both where bulk is broken and where they are consumed.

Summary of discussion.—Articles on which Octroi duty has once been paid in one Municipality should not be subjected to payment, again if taken to another Municipality.

Dewan's reply.—Rules will issue early (*vide* Subject No. 72 *supra*).

Subject No. 230.

Reduction of assessment on melon cultivation.

Summary of discussion.—The cultivation of melons in the bed of the Cauvery River is assessed at Rs. 12 an acre. This is too high.

Dewan's reply.—It is the usual kadim rate, and under the circumstances, does not seem too high. Cultivation in river beds requires to be discouraged.